



***Mary Fallin***

*Governor*

May 16, 2011

Chairman Julius Genachowski  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**RE: WT Docket 11-65**

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

The future of Oklahoma is bright. Our economy helps to feed the nation through the production of livestock and crops and powers growth through the extraction of oil, natural gas and by harnessing the wind. These natural resources coupled with the thousands of hard-working and innovative Oklahomans who drive our economy through small businesses and our aerospace, energy and military sectors provide a path to prosperity.

Growth is fueled by a business-friendly environment, by a high quality and efficient healthcare delivery system that keeps workers healthy and by an educational system that ensures we're developing relevant skills in the workers of the future.

The proposed merger between AT&T and T-Mobile USA offers a unique opportunity for Oklahoma. Efficiencies realized with successful completion of this merger will bring fast wireless broadband to a large percentage of Oklahomans that otherwise would not have access to these important services. High speed wireless broadband could be transformative for many areas of our state and help eliminate many of the geographic disparities that exist.

The synergies of this merger will bring new wireless capacity to Oklahoma and increase broadband availability in areas of our State that need it most. The merger will also benefit Oklahoma wireless consumers through increased service and expanding the deployment of advanced wireless broadband services throughout the State.

A strong business climate is made up of the right policies and a strong infrastructure. One begets the other, and Oklahoma is making great strides in creating a policy framework that encourages business to invest and expand. Investment in our state's infrastructure is critical. Given the current economic issues in our state and others, private investment and innovation is paramount to future growth.

We're working to improve the quality, speed and efficiency of our state's healthcare system. High speed wireless access allows rural healthcare providers and hospitals to access a wider range of information and treatment options. It can remove obstacles of geography and accessibility, making higher quality healthcare at more reasonable costs a reality.

The benefits of increased wireless broadband services for our education system are almost too many to count. This technology can literally bring the world to our classrooms. For instance, a more diverse course offering can be a reality for rural students. Teachers are able to share ideas, techniques and even classrooms – instantly.

I urge your support of this merger and the opportunity it will bring our state. Oklahoma has been blessed with natural resources and a population of innovative and hard working people that have always found a way to succeed. High speed wireless broadband is a tool that we will use to build the highway on which innovation and investment will drive us into a more prosperous future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Mary Fallin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end of the last name.

Mary Fallin  
Governor

cc: Commissioner Michael Copps  
Commissioner Robert McDowell  
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn  
Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker